MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

West Coast Institute of Training has a reputation for excellence in delivering high quality training and producing award winning graduates in the health industry. The West Coast Academy of Health Sciences provides accessible training at sites in Joondalup and throughout workplaces in the Perth metropolitan area.

The Academy delivers innovative and specialised health training that meets the needs of the community and addresses the skills shortage in hospitals and medical centres across Australia, by producing quality nursing and allied health graduates.

Working in the health industry gives our trainees and graduates an opportunity to make a positive difference to the lives of people of all ages, environments and backgrounds.

Health careers offer graduates a diverse range of areas to use their skills and the satisfaction of contributing to the well being of others. It’s a challenging career, but the rewards for all involved are exceptional.

We look forward to welcoming you to the West Coast Academy of Health Sciences where you gain world class skills and achieve your dreams.

Kim Hawkins
Executive Director

Delivering high quality education and training programs to the health industry
West Coast Academy of Health Sciences is a leading provider of specialised health sciences training to students and industry in the northern suburbs and throughout the Perth metropolitan area.

The Academy uses a combination of online, classroom, simulated environments and on-the-job training, to deliver high quality and relevant skills training to students and health care professionals.

An interdisciplinary team of lecturers, some of whom possess doctoral and masters qualifications in their respective areas of specialisation, work with key members of the health industry to ensure that Academy programs meet the ever changing demands of health care providers.

Academy students conduct practicums in a variety of interesting job placements in public and private hospitals, aged care facilities, GP clinics, mental health clinics and community health facilities.

With a reputation for training excellence and producing graduates with world class skills, many students receive offers of employment before they graduate.

The Academy provides health professionals with customised workforce development training solutions, up-skilling and post basic training (such as the delivery of intravenous medication) and skill sets in supervision and front line management.

Graduates can continue learning after completing their initial qualification with pathways to Advanced Diploma courses and articulation to university.
COURSE INFORMATION

ALLIED HEALTH

If you are interested in employment as a Therapy Assistant or currently working without a qualification, we can offer you a quality training pathway to meet your needs. Whether it’s in the areas of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and/or Speech Therapy assistance, we can help you reach your professional goals.

Allied Health Assistants work in a variety of settings to promote participation and functional independence in everyday activities for people affected by illness or injury.

Employment as an Allied Health Assistant offers diversity, challenge and opportunity to work in interesting fields such as private or public hospitals, community rehabilitation including in the client’s home, aged care facilities, schools, mental health clinics, private practice clinics and community health centres.

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<td>D047 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance</td>
<td>This certificate gives students a foundation in allied health service and graduates can find employment as an Allied Health Assistant, or Therapy Assistant working with professionals in speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or all of the above.</td>
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<td>D070 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance</td>
<td>This certificate enhances the capacity of the Certificate III trained Allied Health Assistant to work more independently under the Therapy Care Plan and across disciplines, enabling contribution to the day to day implementation of therapy programs, departmental procedures and supervision of other Assistants involved in delivery.</td>
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NURSING

Nurses make a real difference to the comfort and care of patients every day.

Nursing offers diversity, challenge and opportunities to work in interesting contexts within private and public hospitals, nursing homes, GP clinics, schools, cruise ships, prisons or community health clinics.

Nurses are eligible for eight weeks holiday (an extra two weeks of paid leave) per year due to their shift work arrangements. Shift work also means penalty rates for afternoon, night and weekend duty.

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<td>Successful completion of this qualification provides the opportunity to become a personal care assistant in a hospital or aged care setting.</td>
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<td>7151 Certificate IV in Health Science Foundations</td>
<td>Successful completion of this qualification provides you with the opportunity to apply for entry into a number of Bachelor programs at university, or to apply for a Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at West Coast to qualify for registration as a Division 2 Nurse.</td>
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<td>7164 Certificate IV in Preparation for Entry into Nursing</td>
<td>Successful completion of this qualification provides you with the opportunity to apply for entry into the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 Nursing) qualification.</td>
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<td>D096 Diploma of Enrolled Nursing</td>
<td>Successful completion of this qualification provides you with the opportunity to become an enrolled nurse.</td>
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<td>D111 Advanced Diploma of Nursing</td>
<td>Qualified Enrolled Nurses can complete further studies in specific streams to work in specialty areas.</td>
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<td>Medication Competency (skill set)</td>
<td>This stand alone online and workshop delivery qualifies the Enrolled Nurse to administer medications under the current Diploma and AHPRA requirements.</td>
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<td>Intravenous Medication Competency (skill set)</td>
<td>This online and workshop delivery qualifies Enrolled Nurses to administer and monitor intravenous medications and their effectiveness for clients within the nursing context.</td>
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Daniel Ball
Studying Registered Nursing at ECU

18-year old Daniel was named West Coast Institute of Training’s Student of the Year and Vocational Student of the Year after completing the Certificate IV in Health Science Foundations.

Battling lung disease all of his life, Daniel Ball knows firsthand the difference a nurse can make to their patient.

“All my life I have been in and out of hospital. Throughout that time, I have met so many fantastic nurses that have been a major influence on me. They have inspired me to become a nurse myself. I really love helping people and want to give back, ensuring other kids get the best possible care,” Daniel said.

His training at West Coast has seen him be accepted into university where he is studying to become a Registered Nurse.

“I was in hospital for six of the 20 weeks of semester and the support I received from my lecturers was great. They went to great trouble and lengths for me, bringing my assessments to hospital and rescheduling tests. I really appreciated it,”

Rachael Street
Enrolled Nurse, Ramsay Healthcare

Being named Graduate Nurse of the Year at the Nursing and Midwives Board of Western Australia Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards came as a surprise for enrolled nurse Rachael Street.

Rachael, 30, of Merriwa, was not expecting to be selected from a strong field of registered nurses. Her success is a credit to her enthusiasm and hard work towards her calling, and to the staff at West Coast Institute of Training who guided her through a Certificate IV in Health Science Foundations and an 18-month Diploma of Enrolled Nursing course.

“It was amazing to be sitting there amongst so many highly qualified people.”
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Recognition of Prior learning (RPL) is a form of assessment that acknowledges your formal and informal learning gained through:

- Previous training and education
- Past and current work experience
- Life experience

The RPL process will involve validation of your existing skills and knowledge. Through this recognition process you will be able to obtain credits in an accredited health sciences course and in some cases a full qualification.

The assessment can take place by viewing existing academic records, proof of training course/workshop attendance, written support by previous employers and by viewing procedures and process undertaken in your workplace.

A member of the Health Team will be able to assess your existing skills and knowledge by viewing your operations in the workplace.